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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS NEA/EGY FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT

1. THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING MESSAGE, SUBSTANCE OF WHICH HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO MAJOR VACCA. I AM CONFIDENT HE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS INVESTIGATION IN WAY THAT HAS FULLY PROTECTED MARINES' RIGHTS; HE IS ACUTELY AWARE OF PROVISIONS OF PRIVACY ACT, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, UCMJ AND COURT DECISIONS ON RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS.

2. REPLACEMENT OF MARINES WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO OCCUR IN STAGGERED FASHION DEPENDING ON WHEN THEIR REPLACEMENTS CAN ARRIVE. CURRENT MODD AT MARINE HOUSE HOWEVER IS SUCH THAT THE SOONER THOSE INVOLVED ARE MOVED OUT THE BETTER. IN ADDITION TO 7 HERE, 2 MARINES IN ALEXANDRIA HAVE NOW BEEN NAMED AS HAVING SMOKED HASHISH WHILE VISITING CAIRO, AND THEY WILL ALSO PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MOVED OUT. MSG BN HEADQUARTERS HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO MOVE 6 MARINES FROM NEA AREA AND 3 FROM EUROPE TO CAIRO NOT LATER THAN MARCH 24. THEY WILL ALL HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE AT OTHER POSTS, THOUGH UNFAMILIAR WITH CAIRO.

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3. WHILE MAJOR VACCA CAN GIVE NO ASSURANCES ABOUT WHAT HIGHER AUTHORITIES MAY DO ABOUT FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION: HE SAYS YOUR RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 2 REFTEL WILL CARRY HEAVY WEIGHT. HE WILL INCORPORATE YOUR VIEWS IN HIS MEMORANDUM TO CO AND BN HQTRS. HE BELIEVES IT LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE OFFENING

MARINES MAY BE BUSTED ONE RANK UNDER MARINE CORPS
REGULATIONS.

4. I HAVE ASKED SY TO BRIEF YOU ABOUT ANOTHER
TROUBLESEOME ASPECT OF THIS AFFAIR.
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